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Seems ok to me. thanks.

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I think our desk statement should cover all the questions asked. OK to go?

Desk Statement (approved)

On May 20, 2019, EPA published a *Federal Register* notice announcing the voluntary cancellations of pesticide registrations for 12 products formulated with the neonicotinoid pesticides clothianidin or thiamethoxam. The registrants sought voluntary cancellations of these particular registrations as part of the settlement for a lawsuit brought by several beekeepers and public interest organizations against EPA.

There are two approaches for cancelling pesticide registrations under federal law: voluntary cancellation of a pesticide product or use and pesticide cancellation under EPA's own initiative. Voluntary cancellations are by far the most common. Cancellation under EPA's own initiative begins when the Agency has identified unreasonable adverse effects from registered uses, and the registrants have not made necessary changes (to the extent changes are possible) to the terms and conditions of the registration to address the unreasonable adverse effects. EPA has not identified unreasonable adverse effects associated with the 12 voluntarily cancelled products.

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Hi Linda and Cheryl – we received an inquiry from Cameron English of the Genetic Literacy Project on the 12 neonicotinoid insecticides that were recently cancelled. I added in some responses that have been sent forward recently in case it's helpful. Will get deadline and share ASAP.

I'm writing a story for the Genetic Literacy Project about the May 20 EPA cancellation order for 12 neonicotinoid insecticides.

Multiple news stories have suggested the EPA pulled these products off the market out of concern for bees. See this example from New Scientist.

Is this an accurate summary of the EPA's decision? Also, has the EPA pulled neonics off the market before? If so, how does that decision compare to this one from May 20?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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